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On December 29, independent, liberal on-line news service "El Mostrador" ran an article by Juan Francisco Coloane entitled, "The Future of Evo Morales: a Test for U.S. Foreign Policy." Quote:

"What is at stake in Bolivia is Washington's ability to apply new tools and concepts to its foreign policy that don't translate into the recycled and worn arsenal of inappropriate and covert pressures of '50s McCarthyism, which has reappeared in other lands and in other contexts in new strategies against insurgency and international terrorism."

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